* Celebration of Birth Anniversary and Mahaparinirwan Diwas, of Dr. Ambedkar on 14th April and 6th December respectively every year.
* Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme.
* Dr. Ambedkar Samajik Samta Kendra Yojna.
* Celebrations of Birth Anniversaries of Great Saints.
* Publication of a monthly magazine "Samajik Nyaya Sandesh".

Utilization of funds for schemes for SC/ST students

2083. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government failed to ensure total utilization of funds under the scheme of Coaching and Allied for SC/ST students which was intended to compete with those coming from socially and economically advantageous sections;

(b) whether in 2002-03 only Rs. 5.50 crore out of Rs. 10 crores and Rs. 2.39 crore out of Rs. 8 crore in 2005-06 have been spent;

(c) whether in the Tenth Five Year Plan, out of Rs. 346.50 crore only Rs. 40 crore has been spent so far; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons and action taken against the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d):

SC Students

Central assistance to States during a particular year depends on the proposals received from eligible Field Implementing Agencies (FIAs) i.e. State Governments, Universities and NGOs. In 2002-03, an amount of Rs. 5.47 crores was released to the Field Implementation Agencies (FIAs) against Revised Estimates (RE) of Rs. 5.60 crores and during the year 2005-06, Rs. 2.54 crores was released out of the Revised Estimates (RE) of Rs. 8.00 crores under the scheme. The 10th Plan outlay for the scheme was Rs. 60.00 crores, out of which an amount of Rs. 16.89 crores has been released to the FIAs upto 31.03.2006.

ST Students

Under the scheme of Coaching & Allied, grants-in-aid is given to the NGOs/States/Autonomous Bodies for providing Coaching to the ST students for Competitive exams. It is need-based scheme. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides grants-in-aid to the NGOs/State Govts./ Universities after receiving complete proposal and Utilization Certificate of the previous grants.

During 2006-07, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has given wide publicity of the scheme through National dailies on 01.05.2006 for eliciting good response. The details of grants-in-aid released to the NGOs/State Govt. from 2002-03 to 2005-06 are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Grant-in-aid released to the State Governments/NGOs under the scheme of coaching and allied for ST students from 2002-03 onwards

(Rs. in Crores)

Allocation for 10th Plan	2002-03			2003-04			2004-05			2005-06			2006-07		
5.58	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.	BE	RE	Exp.
	1.00	0.95	0.25	1.00	0.85	0*1.00	0.40	0.5	876	1.00	1.00	0.795	1.50		

*Complete from States/Universitles/NGOs were not received.

Recognition as Scheduled Castes to Bengali community in Uttaranchal

2084. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 1528 and Unstarred Question No. 1313 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August and 5th December 2005, and state:

(a) whether Government had considered at any stage to bring a comprehensive Bill to accord recognition to Namasudra, Pod, Majhi and other castes to which displaced persons from erstwhile East Pakistan belonged as Scheduled Caste in States other than West Bengal;